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SUBJ: IRISH PRIME MINISTER COSGRAVE'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE U.S. -  
AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON THE PM

1. AT HIS REQUEST, I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER COSGRAVE  
FEBRUARY 25 TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO  
THE U.S. I FOUND HIM RELAXED AND VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD  
TO HIS TRIP. HE GAVE ME A DETAILED COPY OF THE ITINERARY  
(SEPTEL) AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MRS. CURLEY AND I  
WOULD ACCOMPANY THE COSGRAVES TO THE OFFICIAL DINNERS, LUNCHESES,  
AND OTHER FUNCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE VISIT. INCIDENTALLY, MRS.  
COSGRAVE TELEPHONED MY WIFE TO EXPRESS HER PLEASURE THAT SHE  
WOULD ACCOMPANY MRS. COSGRAVE ON THE PLANE TO THE US "TO HOLD MY  
HAND."

2. I ENQUIRED ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR LIKES AND DISLIKES THAT  
HIS US HOSTS COULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION AND FOUND THAT  
NEITHER HE NOR HIS FAMILY HAVE ANY PROBLEMS OR SPECIAL WISHES.  
WE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE QUESTION OF "OVER-PROGRAMMING",  
WHICH COSGRAVE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID. I HAD EARLIER BEEN TOLD  
THAT MRS. COSGRAVE APPEARS TO MONITOR HER HUSBAND'S SCHEDULE  
CLOSELY, SINCE HIS "FLU" ATTACK LAST AUTUMN, TO AVOID EXHAUSTION.

3. I ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD USE THE TRIP AS AN OCCASION TO  
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SPEAK OUT AGAINST FUND-RAISING IN US FOR THE PARA-MILITARY

GROUPS IN THE NORTH. HE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD CERTAINLY MENTION THE SUBJECT IN HIS SPEECHES BUT HE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO MAKE THE PROBLEM THE PRIME THEME OF HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

4. IN ENQUIRED ABOUT A COMMUNIQUE OR JOINT STATEMENT (THE DCM HAD RAISED THE MATTER EARLIER WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WAS TOLD THAT THEY HAD NOT YET FOCUSSED ON THE QUESTION.) COSGRAVE LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE IRISH WOULD WANT A COMMUNIQUE BUT THE SUBJECT WOULD BE LEFT TO THE "WORKING LEVEL". CURLEY

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